

TDP-245 Series

DIRECT THERMAL BAR CODE PRINTER

**USER'S
MANUAL**

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3. Vor jedem Reinigen ist das Gerät vom Stromnetz zu trennen. Verwenden Sie Keine Flüssig-oder Aerosolreiniger. Am besten eignet sich ein angefeuchtetes Tuch zur Reinigung.
4. Die Netzanschlußsteckdose soll nahe dem Gerät angebracht und leicht zugänglich sein.
5. Das Gerät ist vor Feuchtigkeit zu schützen.
6. Bei der Aufstellung des Gerätes ist auf sicheren Stand zu achten. Ein Kippen oder Fallen könnte Beschädigungen hervorrufen.
7. Beachten Sie beim Anschluß an das stromnetz die Anschlußwerte.

8. Dieses das Gerät kann bis zu einer Außentemperatur von maximal 40°C betrieben werden.

1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the TSC TDP-245 Series Direct Thermal Bar Code Printer. Although it is a compact desktop printer, it is reliable and with superior throughput performance.

This printer provides both thermal transfer and direct thermal printing at user selectable speed of: 2.0, 3.0, 4.0 or 5.0 inches per second. It accepts roll feed, die-cut, and fan-fold labels for both thermal transfer and direct thermal printing. All common bar codes formats are available. Fonts and bar codes can be printed in 4 directions, 8 different alphanumeric bitmap fonts and a build-in true type font capability. You will enjoy high throughput for printing labels with this printer.

2. Getting Started

2.1 Unpacking and Inspection

This printer has been specially packaged to withstand damage during shipping. Please carefully inspect the packaging and printer upon receiving the bar code printer. Please retain the packaging materials in cover you need to reship the printer.

2.2 Equipment Checklist

- One printer unit
- One Windows labeling software/driver CD disk
- One sample label roll
- One label spindle (1 inch diameter core)
- Two label spindle fixed tabs
- Two 1.5" core adapters
- One Centronics interface cable
- One auto switching power supply.
- One power cord.
- One quick start guide

If any parts are missing, please contact the Customer Service Department of your purchased reseller or distributor.

Options

- Peel off module
- External label roll mount.
- Label spindle (3-inch diameter core).
- Programmable keyboard (KU-007 series)
- Stand-alone LCD keyboard (KP-200)
- Automatic cutter module
- External Ethernet print server
- External 802.11b/g wireless print server

2.3 Printer Parts

2.3.1 Front View



Fig.1 Top Front View

2.3.2 Rear View

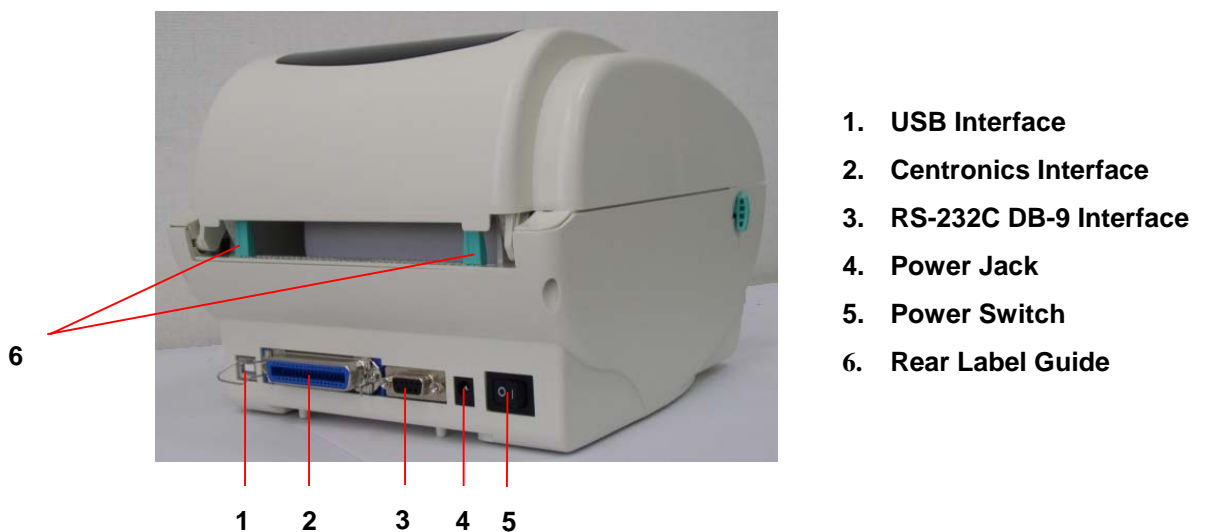


Fig.2 Rear View

3 Setup

3.1 Setting Up the Printer

1. Place the printer on a flat, secure surface.
2. Make sure the power switch is off.
3. Connect the printer to the computer with the Centronics or USB cable.
4. Plug the DC power cord into the power jack at the rear of the printer, and then plug the AC power cord into a properly grounded receptacle.

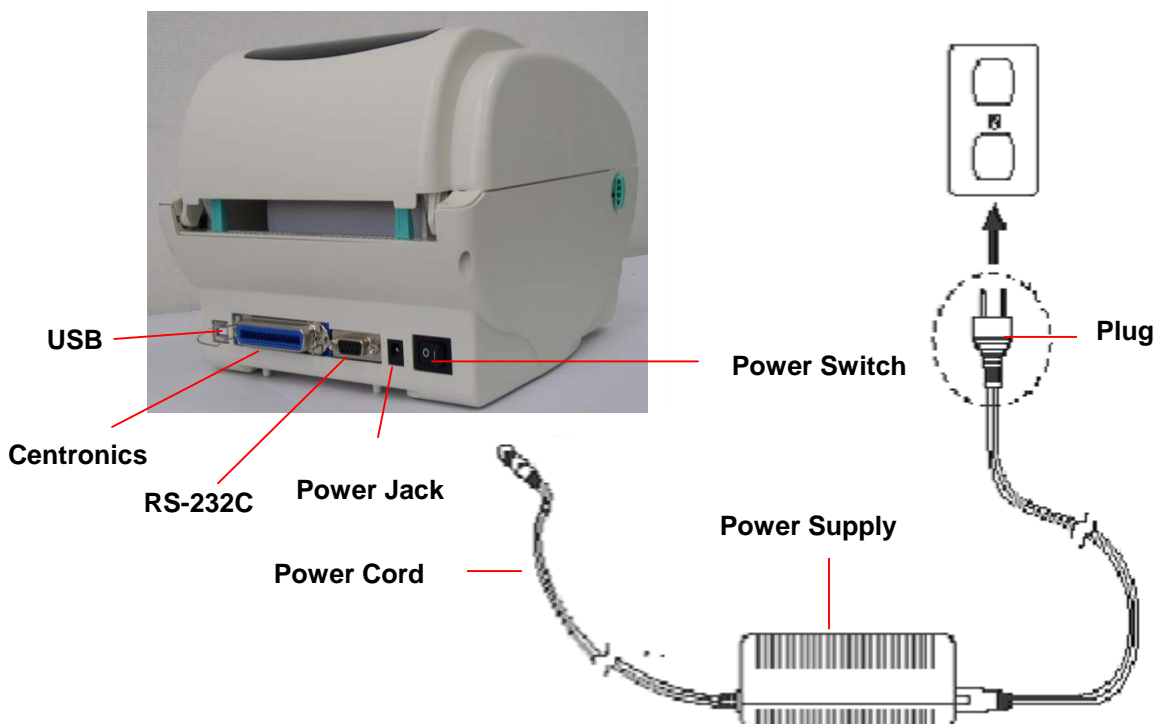


Fig. 5 Attach a power supply to a printer

3.2 Loading Label Stock

1. Insert a 1" label spindle into a paper roll (If your paper core is 1 inch, remove the 1.5 inch core adapter from the fixing tab).

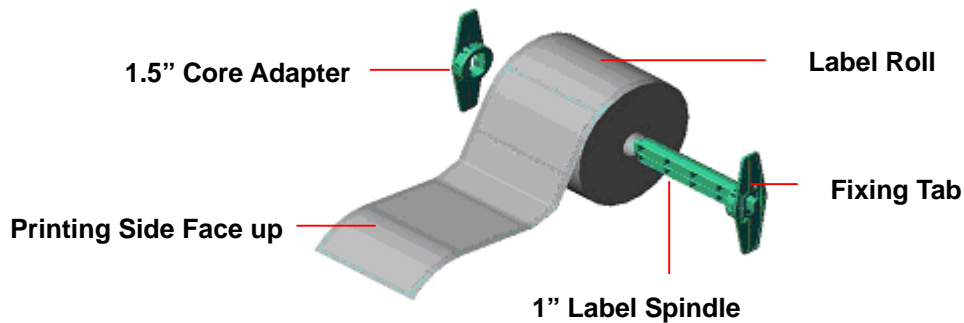


Fig 6 Label roll installation (I)

2. Open the printer's top cover by releasing the green **top cover open levers** located on both sides of the printer and lifting the top cover.
3. Place a roll of paper into internal paper roll mount.
4. Feed the paper, printing side face up, through the **label guides** and place the label over the platen.
5. Adjust the black center-biased label guides in or out by turning adjustment knob so they are slightly touch the edges of the label backing.

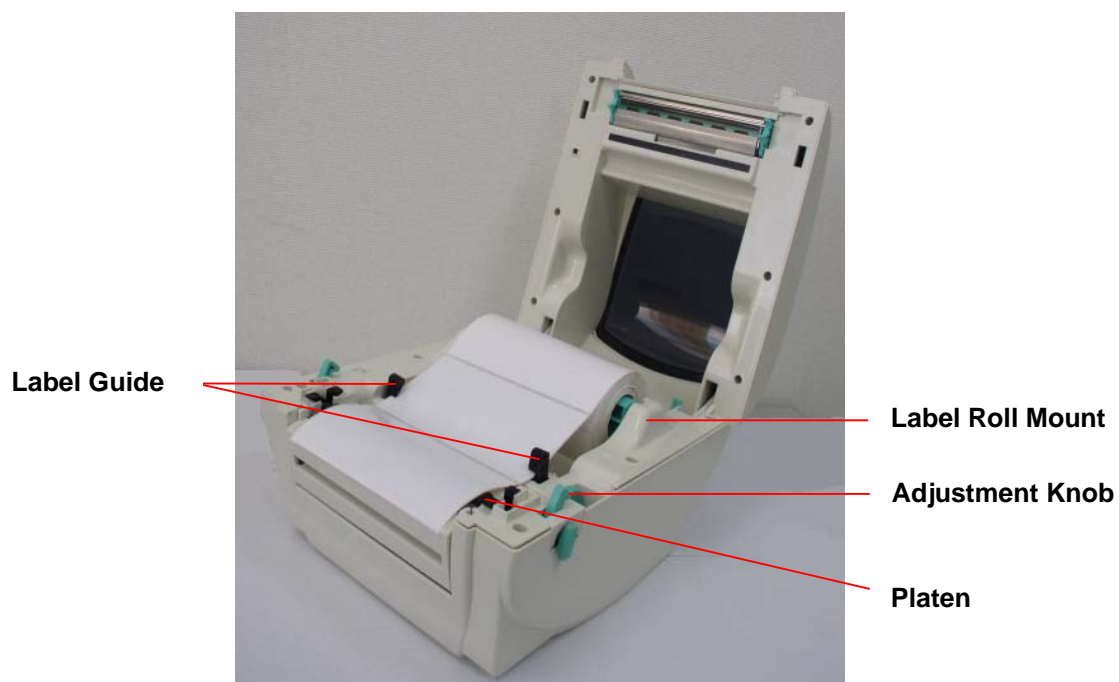


Fig. 7 Label roll installation (II)

6. Close the printer top cover slowly and make sure the cover locks levers securely.

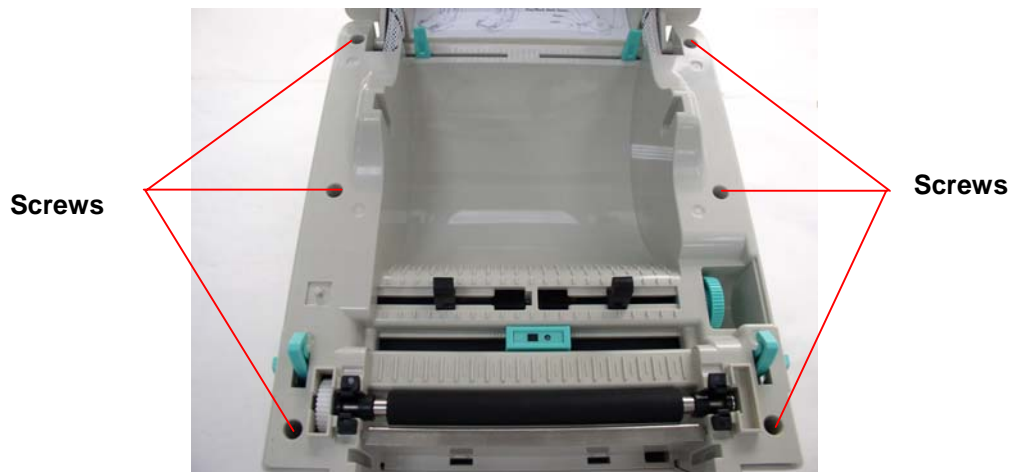
Note: Failure to securely close and lock the cover will result in poor print quality.



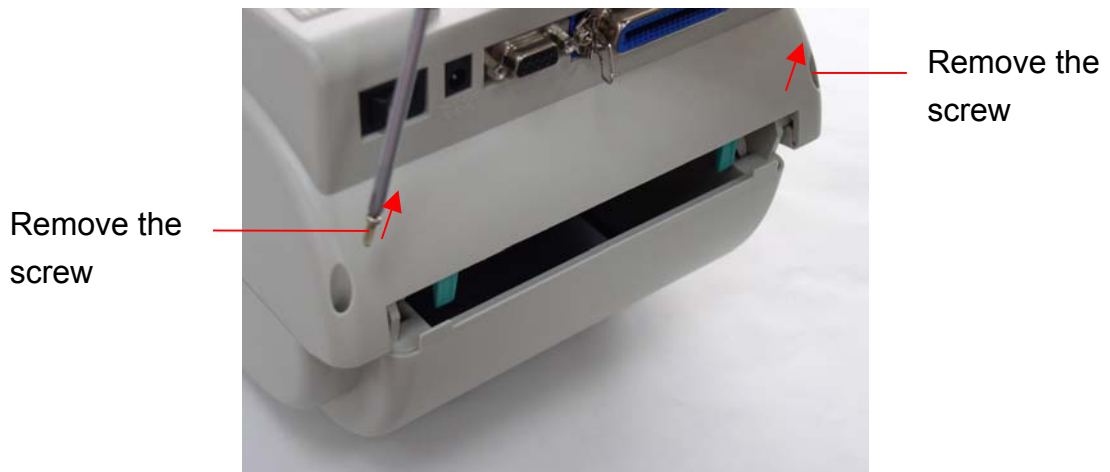
Fig. 8 Close the top cover completely

3.3 Peel-Off Installation Assembly (Option)

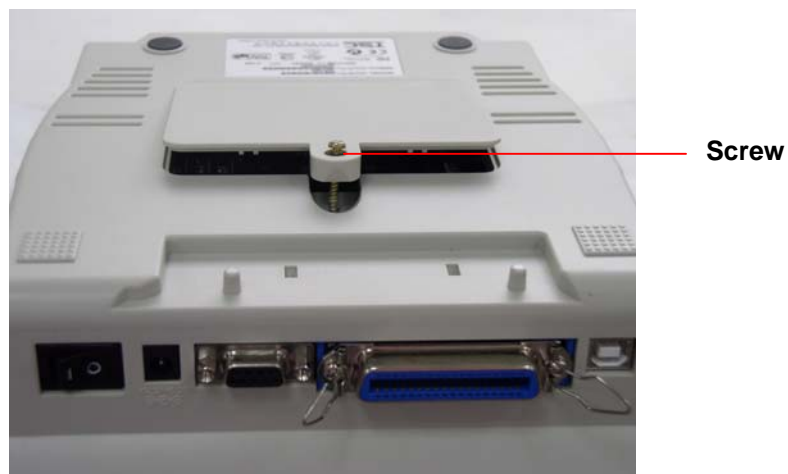
1. Open the top cover.
2. Unscrew the 6 screws in the lower inner cover.



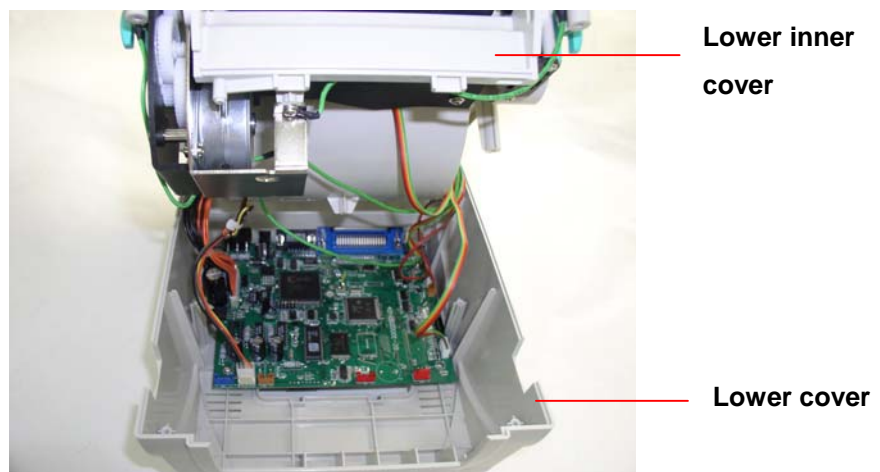
3. Upside down the printer.
4. Unscrew the 2 screws at the lower inner cover



5. Remove the screw at memory card cover.



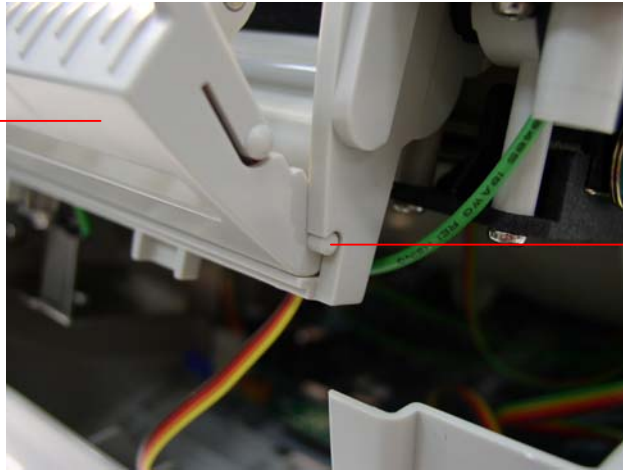
6. Hold the lower cover and lift up the top cover opening levers to separate the lower inner cover from the lower cover.



7. Thread the harness red connector through the cable hole at the front side of lower inner cover. Plug the red peel off module harness connector at the location JP17 on the main board. Place lower inner cover to the lower cover. Install the peel-off

module to the lower inner cover slot.

**Peel-off module
assembly**



**Install one side first
and install another
side**

8. Gently push peel-off panel to lock to the lower inner cover.
9. Reassemble parts in reverse procedures after installing the module.



3.4 Loading Label for Peel-off Mode (Option)

1. Open the peel-off module by pulling it out.

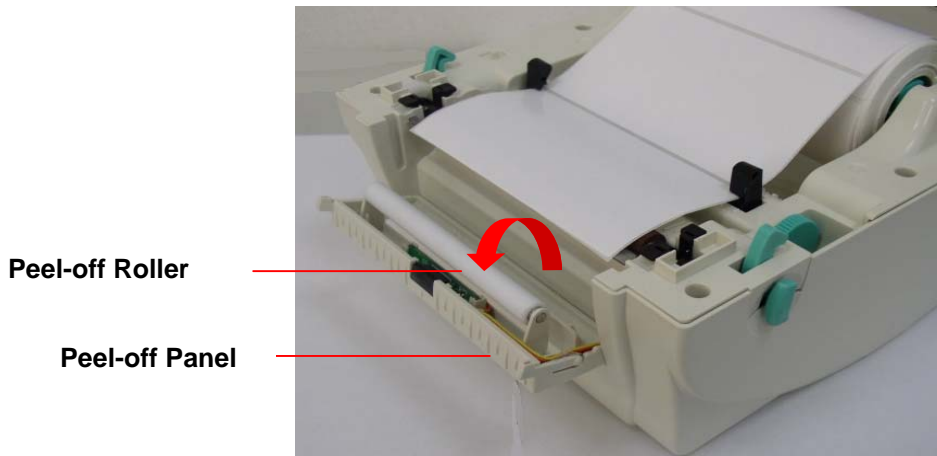


Fig. 9 Open the peel-off panel

2. Thread the label, printing side facing up, through the label guides and place it on top of the platen.
3. Thread the label through the liner opening, which is beneath the roller.
4. Adjust the black center-biased **label guides** by turning adjustment knob to fit the edge of the label backing.

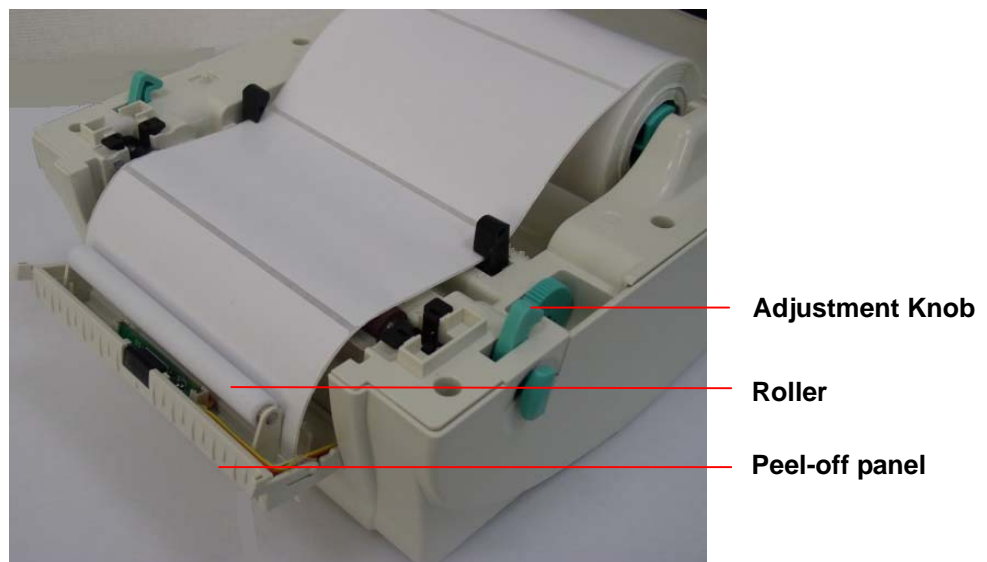


Fig. 10 Loading label for peel-off mode

5. Push the peel-off panel back to the printer.

6. Close the top cover.



Fig. 11 Label loaded completely in peel-off mode

3.5 External Label Roll Mount Installation (Option)

1. Attach an external label roll mount on the bottom of the printer.
2. Install a roll of label on the external label roll mount.



Fig. 12 External label roll mount installation (I)

3. Feed the label to the external label feed opening through the rear label guide.

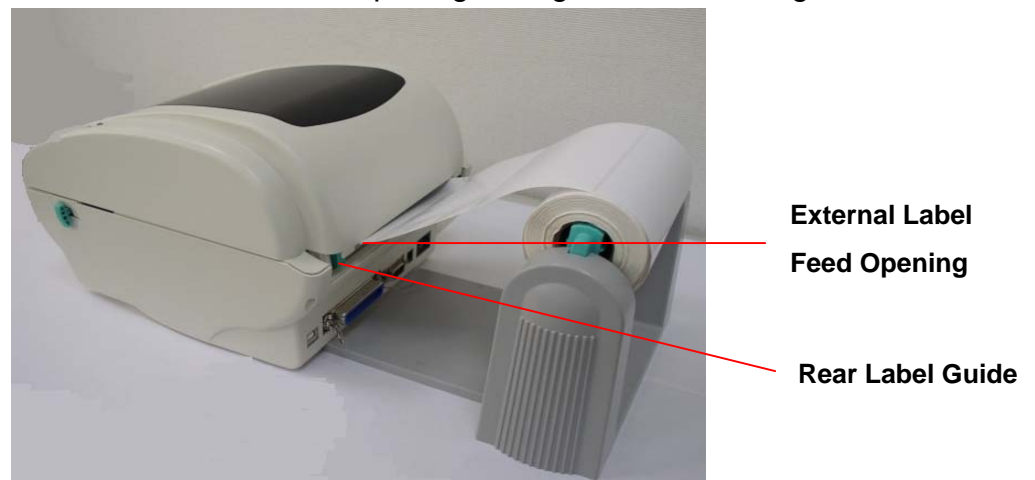


Fig. 13 External label roll mount installation (II)

4. Open the printer top cover by pulling the top cover open levers.
5. Thread the label, printing side face up, through the label guide and place it on top the platen.
6. Adjust the label guides by turning adjustment knob to fit the edge of the label backing.
7. Close the printer top cover.

3.6 Cutter Module Installation (Option)

1. Pull the top cover open levers to open the top cover.
2. Remove the front panel from the lower cover.
3. Remove 6 screws on the **lower inner cover**.

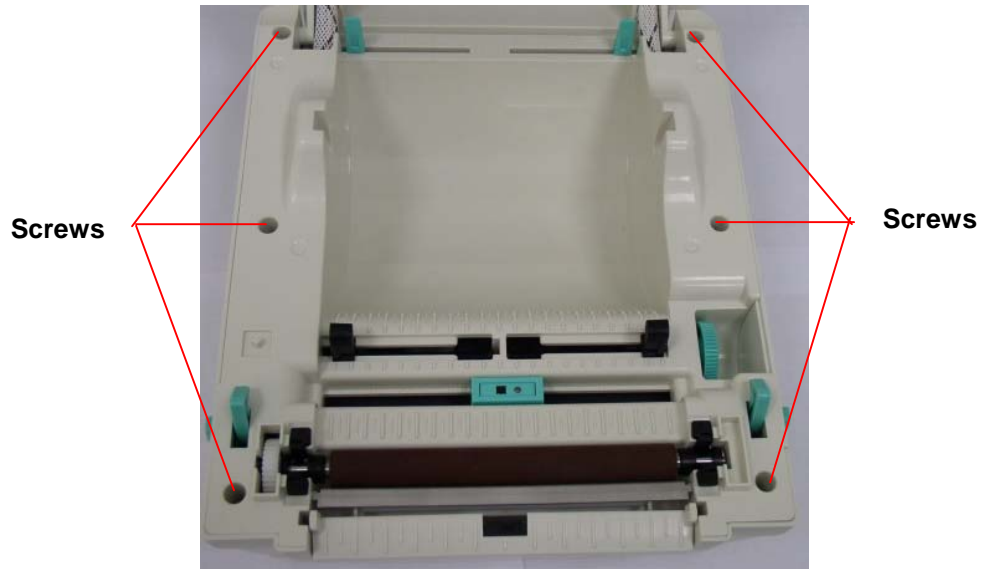
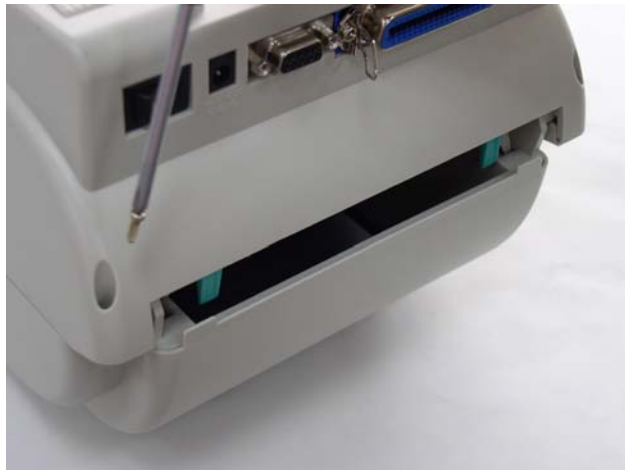


Fig. 14 Remove 6 screws from lower inner cover

4. Upside down the printer.
5. Remove two screws at the hinge



6. Remove 1 screw at bottom memory card cover.

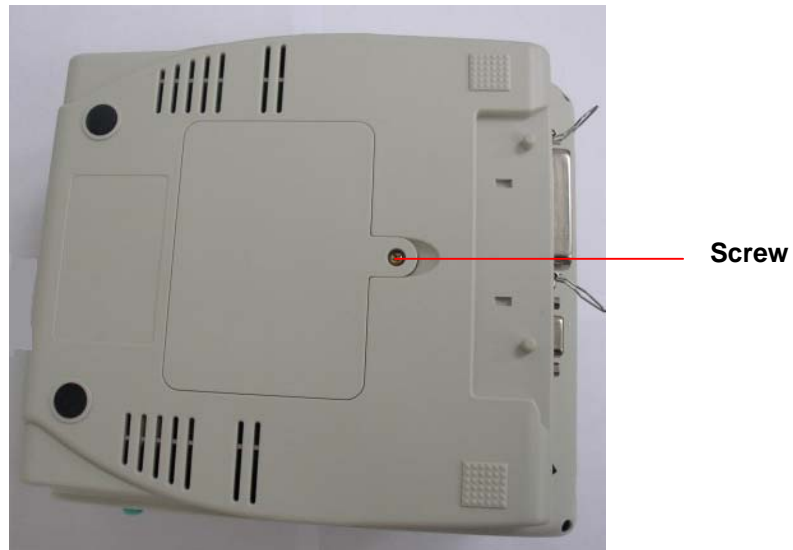


Fig. 15 Remove 1 screw from bottom

7. Hold the lower cover and lift up the lower inner cover.
8. Arrange the cutter module harness through the bezel.
9. Connect the cutter module harness to the 4-pin socket on printer PCB.



Fig. 16 Cutter module harness arrangement

10. Reassemble lower inner cover back to the lower cover.
11. Install the cutter module into the niche of the printer.

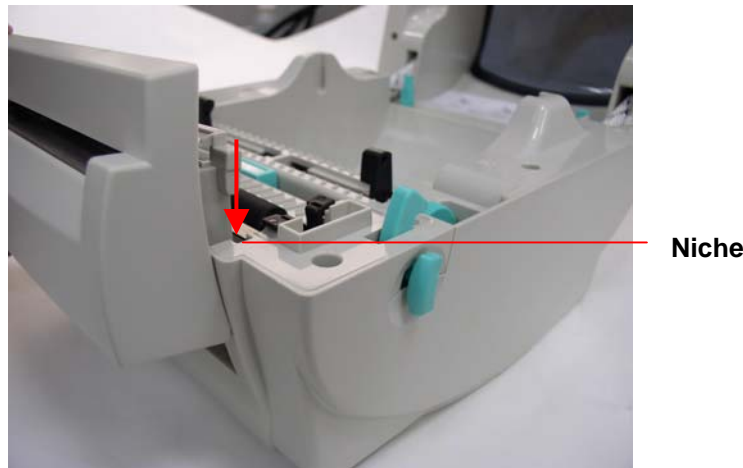


Fig. 17 Cutter module installation

12. Ressemble the parts in the reverse order.
13. Close the top cover.

3.7 Loading Label in Cutter Mode

1. Open the printer top cover.
2. Insert the label spindle into label roller
3. Place a label roll to label roll mount.
4. Thread the paper, printing side face up, through the label guide, platen and cutter module paper outlet.

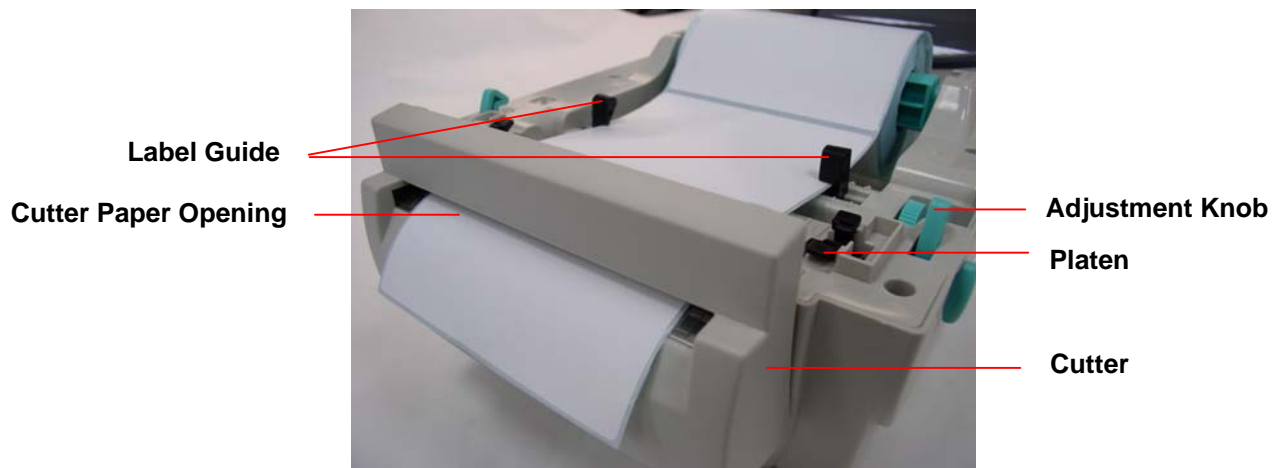


Fig. 18 Label installation in cutter mode

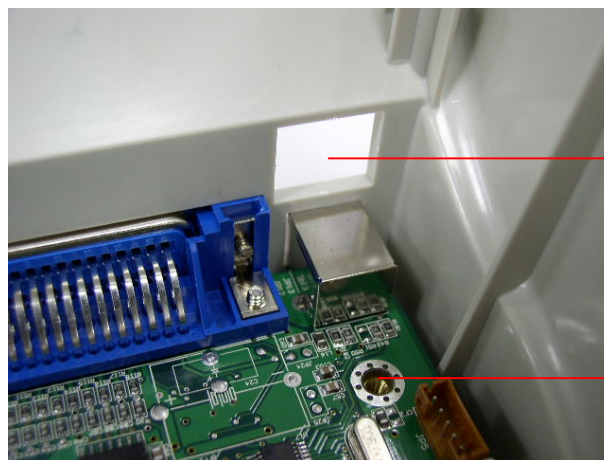
5. Adjust the black center-biased label guides to fit edge of the label backing.
6. Close the top cover



Fig. 19 Label installation in cutter mode completed

3.8 Internal Ethernet Print Server Module Installation (Option)

1. Break through the plastic partial connected at the rear side of lower cover RJ45 interface opening.

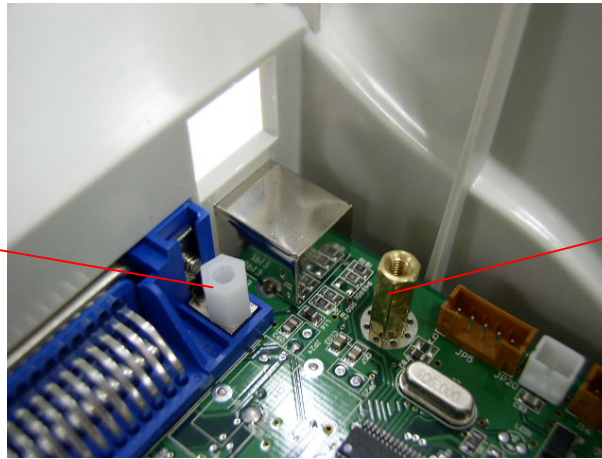


RJ45 interface opening

Remove the screw

2. Remove the screw from the main board. Fasten the copper pillar and plastic pillar.

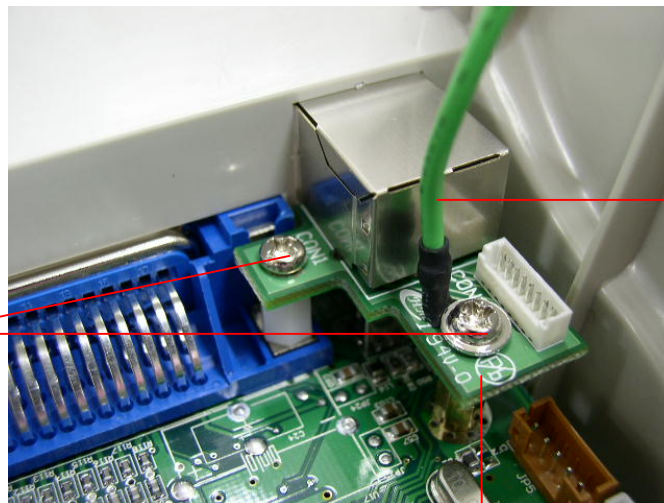
Plastic pillar



Copper pillar

3. Fasten the RJ45 connector daughter board on the plastic and copper pillar. The ground wire from the mechanism must be screwed on the daughter board with copper pillar.

Screws

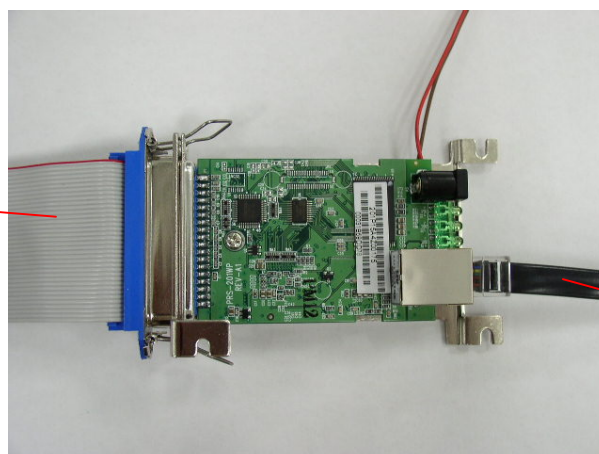


Ground wire

RJ45 connector daughter board

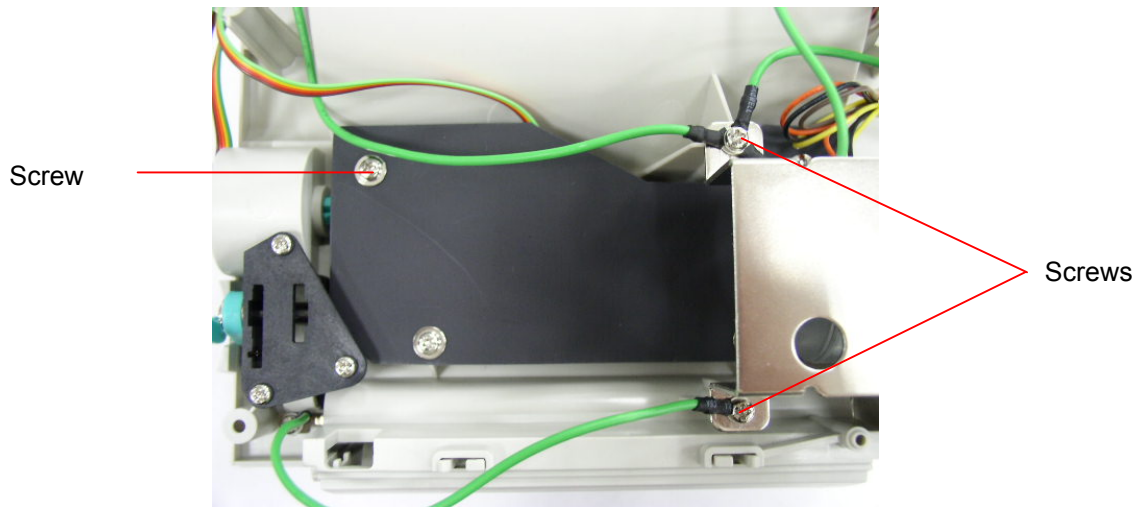
4. Connect the print server module interface cable (36PIN) and RJ45 interface cable to print server module.

Print server module
interface cable

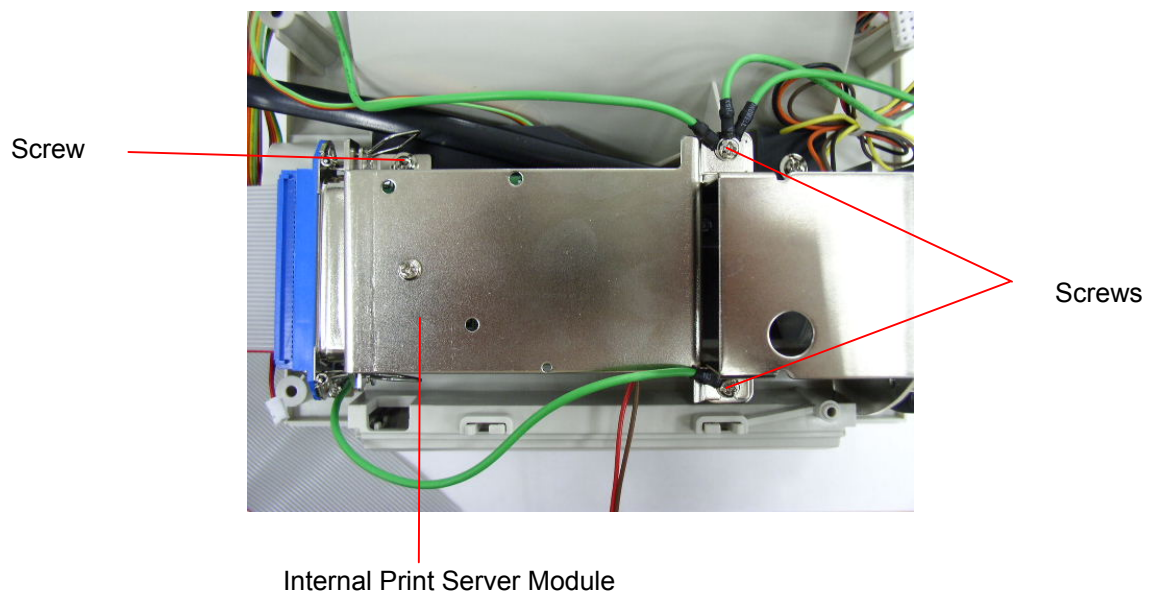


RJ45 interface cable

5. Remove the 2 screws from the motor bracket and 1 screw in the lower inner cover to install the internal print server.

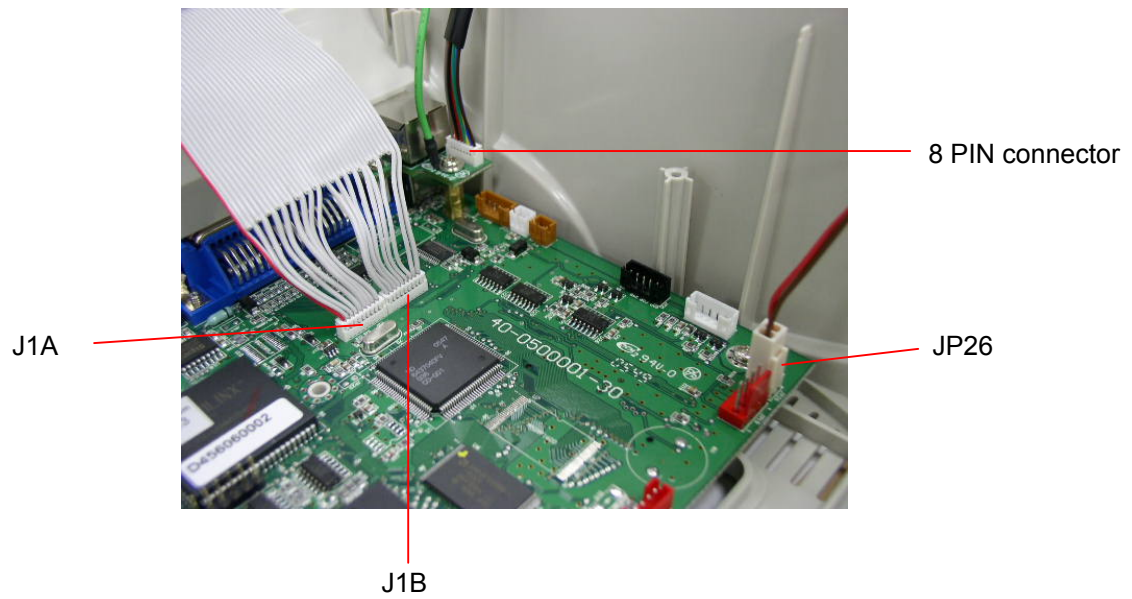


6. Install the print server module in printer lower inner cover with 3 screws.



7. Plug the RJ45 white connector to the RJ45 daughter board connector.
8. Plug the print server module interface cable to connector J1A and J1B on the PCB, the left side harness (with red wire at the left side) is for J1A, the right side harness location is for J1B.

9. Plug the 2 PIN connector on PCB JP26 connector for 5V DC power.



4. Power on Utilities

There are six power-on utilities to set up and test printer hardware. These utilities are activated by pressing FEED button and by turning on the printer power simultaneously.

The utilities are listed as below:

1. Gap/Black mark sensor calibration
2. Gap/black mark sensor calibration, Self-test and Dump mode
3. Printer initialization
4. Set black mark as media sensor and calibrate the black mark sensor
5. Set gap sensor as media sensor and calibrate the gap sensor
6. Skip AUTO.BAS

4.1 Gap/Black Mark Sensor Calibration

Gap/black mark sensor sensitivity should be calibrated at the following conditions:

1. A brand new printer
2. Change label stock.
3. Printer initialization.

Please follow the steps below to calibrate the gap/black sensor :

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
3. Release the button when LED becomes **red** and blinking. (Any red will do during the 5 blinks).

- It will calibrate the gap/black mark sensor sensitivity.
- The LED color will be changed as following order :
Amber → **red (5 blinks)** → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green
- It calibrates the sensor and measures the label length.

Note:

Please select gap or black mark sensor by GAP or BLINE command prior to calibrate the sensor.

For more information about GAP and BLINE command, please refer to TSPL2 programming manual.

4.2 Gap/Black Mark Calibration, Self-test, Dump Mode

While calibrate the gap/black mark sensor, printer will measure the label length, print the internal configuration (self-test) and then enter the dump mode.

Please follow the steps as below.

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
3. Release the button when LED becomes **amber** and blinking. (Any amber will do during the 5 blinks).

- The LED color will be changed as following order.
Amber → red (5 blinks) → **amber (5 blinks)** → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green
- It calibrates the sensor and measures the label length and prints internal settings then enter the dump mode.

Note:

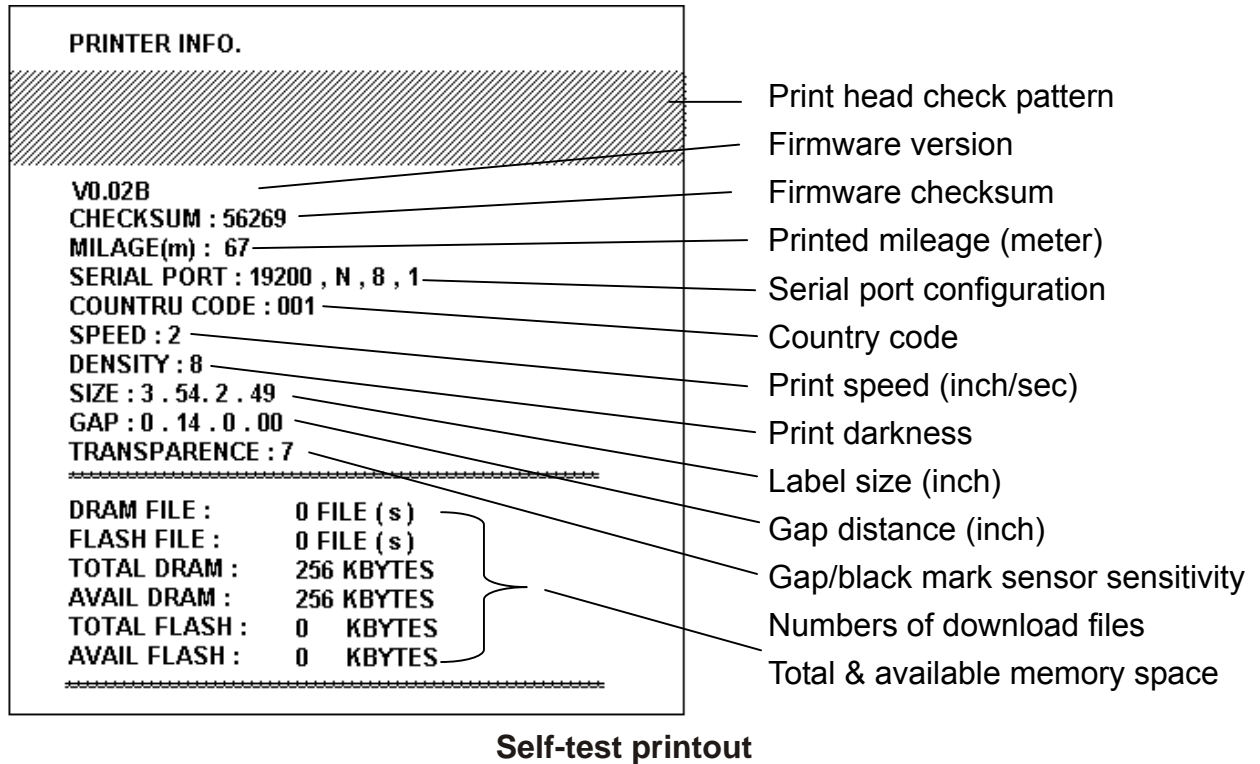
Please select gap or black mark sensor by GAP or BLINE command prior to calibrate the sensor.

For more information about GAP and BLINE command, please refer to TSPL2 programming manual.

Self-test

Printer will print the printer configuration after gap/black mark sensor calibration.

Self-test printout can be used to check if there is any dot damage on the heater element, printer configurations and available memory space.



Note:

1. The physical flash memory for RoHS compliant version is 2MB Flash and 2MB DRAM.
2. System occupies 960 KB in Flash memory so total flash memory space for user downloading is 1088 KB
3. System occupies 1792 KB in DRAM so total DRAM memory space for user downloading is 256 KB

Dump mode

Printer will enter dump mode after printing printer configuration. In the dump mode, all characters will be printed in 2 columns as following. The left side characters are received from your system and right side data are the corresponding hexadecimal value of the characters. It allows users or engineers to verify and debug the program.

ASCII Data →

SPEED 2.0	53	50	45	45	44	20	32	2E	30	0D
DENSITY 8	0A	44	45	4E	53	49	54	59	20	38
SET PEEL	0D	0A	53	45	54	20	50	45	45	4C
OFF DIRE	20	4F	46	46	0D	0A	44	49	52	45
CTION 0 0	43	54	49	4F	4E	20	30	0D	0A	47
AP 3.00 mm	41	50	20	33	2E	30	30	20	6D	6D
.0.00 mm	2C	30	2E	30	30	20	6D	6D	0D	0A
REFERENCE	52	45	46	45	52	45	4E	43	45	20
0.0 SET C	30	2C	30	0D	0A	53	45	54	20	43
UTTER OFF	55	54	54	45	52	20	4F	46	46	0D
SIZE 100.	0A	53	49	5A	45	20	31	30	30	2E
02 mm, 65.0	30	32	20	6D	6D	2C	36	35	2E	30
4 mm CLS	34	20	6D	6D	0D	0A	43	4C	53	0D
BARCODE 1	0A	42	41	52	43	4F	44	45	20	31
44,149,"39	34	34	2C	31	34	39	2C	22	33	39
".120,1,0.	22	2C	31	32	30	2C	31	2C	30	2C
2,6,"57114	32	2C	36	2C	22	35	37	31	31	34
38T" PRIN	33	38	54	22	0D	0A	50	52	49	4E
T 1,1 SPE	54	20	31	2C	31	0D	0A	53	50	45
ED 2.0 DE	45	44	20	32	2E	30	0D	0A	44	45
NSITY 8 S	4E	53	49	54	59	20	38	0D	0A	53
ET PEEL OF	45	54	20	50	45	45	4C	20	4F	46
F DIRECTI	46	0D	0A	44	49	52	45	43	54	49
ON 0 GAP	4F	4E	20	30	0D	0A	47	41	50	20
3.00 mm,0.	33	2E	30	30	20	6D	6D	2C	30	2E
00 mm REF	30	30	20	6D	6D	0D	0A	52	45	46
ERENCE 0,0	45	52	45	4E	43	45	20	30	2C	30
SET CUTT	0D	0A	53	45	54	20	43	55	54	54
ER OFF SI	45	52	20	4F	46	46	0D	0A	53	49
ZE 100.02	5A	45	20	31	30	30	2E	30	32	20
mm,65.04 m	6D	6D	2C	36	35	2E	30	34	20	6D
m CLS BA	6D	0D	0A	43	4C	53	0D	0A	42	41
RCODE 144.	52	43	4F	44	45	20	31	34	34	2C
149,"39",1	31	34	39	2C	22	33	39	22	2C	31
20,1,0,2,6	32	30	2C	31	2C	30	2C	32	2C	36
".5711438T	2C	22	35	37	31	31	34	33	38	54
" PRINT 1	22	0D	0A	50	52	49	4E	54	20	31
,1	2C	31	0D	0A						

Dump mode printout

Note :

Turn off and on the power switch to reset the printer for normal printing.

4.3 Printer Initialization

Printer initialization is used to clear DRAM and restore printer settings to defaults. The only one exception is ribbon sensitivity, which will not be restored to default.

Printer initialization is activated by the following procedures.

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
3. Release the button when LED turns **green** after 5 amber blinks. (Any green will do during the 5 blinks).
 - The LED color will be changed as following:
Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → **green (5 blinks)** → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green

Printer configuration will be restored to defaults as below after initialization.

Parameter	Default setting
Speed	TDP-245, 127 mm/sec (5 ips)
Density	8
Label Width	4.25" (108.0 mm)
Label Height	2.5" (63.4 mm)
Media Sensor Type	Gap sensor
Gap Setting	0.12" (3.0 mm)
Print Direction	0
Reference Point	0,0 (upper left corner)
Offset	0
Tear Mode	On
Peel off Mode	Off
Cutter Mode	Off
Serial Port Settings	9600 bps, none parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit
Code Page	850
Country Code	001
Clear Flash Memory	No

Note :

Always do gap/black mark sensor calibration after printer initialization.

4.4 Set Black Mark Sensor as Media Sensor and Calibrate the Black Mark Sensor

Please follow the steps as below.

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
3. Release the button when LED turns **green/amber** after 5 green blinks. (Any green/amber will do during the 5 blinks).
 - The LED color will be changed as following:
Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → **green/amber (5 blinks)** → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green

4.5 Set Gap Sensor as Media Sensor and Calibrate the Gap Sensor

Please follow the steps as below.

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
3. Release the button when LED turns **red/amber** after 5 green/amber blinks. (Any red/amber will do during the 5 blinks).
 - The LED color will be changed as following:
Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → **red/amber (5 blinks)** → solid green

4.6 Skip AUTO.BAS

TSPL2 programming language allows user to download an auto execution file to flash memory. Printer will run the AUTO.BAS program immediately when turning on printer power. The AUTO.BAS program can be interrupted without running the program by the power-on utility.

Please follow the steps as below.

1. Turn off printer power.
2. Press the FEED button and then turn on power.
3. Release the FEED button when LED becomes **solid green**.
 - The LED color will be changed as following:
Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → **solid green**
4. Printer will be interrupted to run the AUTO.BAS program.

5. Maintenance

5.1 Cleaning

Use one or more of the following supplies that meets your needs:

- Cotton swab
- Lint-free cloth
- Vacuum
- 100% ethanol

The cleaning process is described as following:

Printer Part	Method
Printer Head	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Always turn off the printer before cleaning the print head.2. Allow the printhead to cool for a minimum of one minute.3. Use a cotton swab and 100% ethanol to clean the print head surface.
Platen Roller	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Turn the power off.2. Rotate the platen roller and wipe it thoroughly with 100% ethanol and a cotton swab, or lint-free cloth.
Exterior	Wipe it with water-dampened cloth.
Interior	Brush or air blow.

Note:

- Do not touch printer head by hand. If you touch it careless, please use ethanol to clean it.
- It's industry alcohol. Please do not use regular alcohol, which may damage the printer head.
- You may have to clean the supply sensors more often if you frequently receive supply error messages.

6. Troubleshooting

This section lists the common problems that according to the LED status and other problems you may encounter when operating the printer. Also, it provides solutions.

6.1 LED Status

LED Status / Color	Printer Status	Solution Number
Off	off	1
Solid Green	on	2
Flash Green	Paused	3
Flash Red	Stopped	4

1. ***No power.***

- Turn on the power switch.
- Check if the green LED is lit on power supply. If it is not lit on, power supply is broken.
- Check both power connection from the power cord to the power supply and from the power supply to the printer power jack.

2. ***The printer is on and ready to use.***

- No action necessary.

3. ***The printer is paused.***

- Press the feed button to resume printing.

4. ***The printer out of label or the printer setting is not correct***

Out of label

- Load a roll of label and follow the instructions in Loading the Paper
And then press the feed button to resume printing.

Printer setting is not correct

- Initialize the printer by following the instructions in “Power on Utility”.

6.2 Print Quality

Continuous feeding labels

- The printer setting may go wrong. Please do the **Initialization** and **Gap/Black Mark Calibration**.

No print on the label

- Is the label loaded correctly? Follow the instructions in **Loading the Paper**.

Poor print quality

- Top cover is not closed properly. Close the top cover completely.
- Clean the thermal print head.
- Adjust the print density setting.

7. LED and Button Operation

7.1 LED

LED Color	Description
Green/ Solid	This illuminates that the power is on and the device is ready to use.
Green/ Flash	This illuminates that the system is downloading data from PC to memory and the printer is paused.
Amber	This illuminates that the system is clearing data from printer.
Red / Solid	This illuminates printer head open, cutter error.
Red / Flash	This illuminates a printing error, such as paper empty, paper jam, or memory error etc.

7.2 Button Operation

Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Press the button when the LED is green. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It feeds the label to the beginning of the next label.
Pause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Press the feed button during printing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The printing job is suspended.
Gap/Black Mark Sensor Calibration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn off the power switch. 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch. 3 Release the button when LED becomes red and blinking. (Any red will do during the 5 blinks). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It will calibrate the gap/black mark sensor sensitivity. ■ The LED color will be changed as following order : Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green ■ It calibrates the sensor and measures the label length. <p>Note: Please select gap or black mark sensor by GAP or BLINE command prior to calibrate the sensor. For more information about GAP and BLINE command, please refer to TSPL2 programming manual.</p>

<p>Gap/Black Mark Sensor Calibration, Label Length Measurement, Self Test and enter Dump Mode</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn off the power switch. 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch. 3. Release the button when LED becomes amber and blinking. (Any amber will do during the 5 blinks). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The LED color will be changed as following order. Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green ■ It calibrates the sensor and measures the label length and prints internal settings then enter the dump mode. <p>Note: Please select gap or black mark sensor by GAP or BLINE command prior to calibrate the sensor. For more information about GAP and BLINE command, please refer to TSPL2 programming manual.</p>
<p>Printer Initialization</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn off the power switch. 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch. 3. Release the button when LED turns green after 5 amber blinks. (Any green will do during the 5 blinks). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The LED color will be changed as following: Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green ● Always do gap/black mark sensor calibration after printer initialization.
<p>Set Black Mark Sensor as Media Sensor and Calibrate the Black Mark Sensor</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn off the power switch. 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch. 3. Release the button when LED turns green/amber after 5 green blinks. (Any green/amber will do during the 5 blinks). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The LED color will be changed as following: Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green

<p><i>Set Gap Sensor as Media Sensor and Calibrate the Gap Sensor</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn off the power switch. 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch. 3. Release the button when LED turns red/amber after 5 green/amber blinks. (Any red/amber will do during the 5 blinks). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The LED color will be changed as following: Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green
<p><i>Skip AUTO.BAS</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn off printer power. 2. Press the FEED button and then turn on power. 3. Release the FEED button when LED becomes solid green. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The LED color will be changed as following: Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green 4. Printer will be interrupted to run the AUTO.BAS program.



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